

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**AMENDED APPLICATION OF WAI'OLA O MOLOKA'I, INC.  
FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RATE INCREASES,  
REVISED RATE SCHEDULES, AND REVISED RULES**

### **Docket No. 2009-0049**

The STATE OF HAWAII PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ("Commission"), pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes §§ 269-12 and 269-16, HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that it will hold a public hearing on **September 3, 2009, 5:00 p.m.**, at the Mitchell Pauole Center Conference Room, 90 Ainoa Street, Kaunakakai, Molokai, regarding the amended application of WAI'OLA O MOLOKA'I, INC. ("WOM"), filed on June 29, 2009, for Commission approval of rate increases, revised rate schedules, and revised rules ("Amended Application"). (Note: the public hearing will coincide with the public hearing for Docket No. 2009-0048, Molokai Public Utilities, Inc.'s amended application filed on June 29, 2009, for Commission approval to increase its rates and charges and establish and/or revise certain other charges.)

WOM, a public utility that provides water service to customers in Maunaloa, Kualapuu, Kipu, Manawainui, and the Molokai Industrial Park areas on the island of Moloka'i, proposes in its Amended Application to: (1) increase its User Charge from \$1.85 per 1,000 gallons (i.e., the non-temporary charge authorized in 1993 by the Commission in Docket No. 7122) to \$8.9675 per 1,000 gallons, or approximately 384.7%; (2) increase its various meter Service Charges by approximately 380% to 384%, based on the size of the meters; (3) increase its various Private Fire Protection Charges by approximately 380%; (4) establish an Automatic Power Cost Adjustment Clause, which permits adjustments for electric costs during the year; and (5) amend

Rule 20 of its Rules and Regulations to increase its Reconnection Charge from \$50.00 to \$100.00, which is an increase of 100%. In an effort to minimize "rate shock" to its customers, WOM is proposing a two stage phase-in of the new rates and charges (i.e., Phase I effective upon the issuance of the Commission's decision and order, and Phase II effective six-months after the effective date of Phase I).

The increases proposed by WOM will produce additional revenues of \$473,431, or approximately 382.85% increase, over the pro forma revenue amount of \$123,660 at present rates for the July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 test year ("Test Year"). The total revenue requirement for the Test Year will not exceed the amount that WOM requests in its Amended Application. However, the increases in WOM's rates and charges to be finally approved by the Commission, if any, may be higher or lower than the rates and charges noted in WOM's Amended Application.

Copies of WOM's Amended Application are available for public review: (1) on the Commission's website, at <http://puc.hawaii.gov/RII/water/Dockets>; or (2) through the Commission's electronic Document Management System, accessible at <http://dms.puc.hawaii.gov/dms/>. In addition, copies of WOM's Amended Application are also available for review by contacting WOM [(808) 552-2390], the Commission's Maui District Office [(808) 984-8182] or its Honolulu Office (toll-free from Molokai, at 1-800-468-4644, ext. 62020), or the Division of Consumer Advocacy (toll-free from Molokai, at 1-800-468-4644, ext. 62800).

All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing to state their views. Statements may also be mailed to the Public Utilities Commission, 465 South King Street, Room No. 103, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96813, or e-mailed to

Hawaii.PUC@hawaii.gov. All written statements should reference Docket No. 2009-0049. Motions to intervene or participate in this proceeding must comply with Subchapter 4, *Rules of Practice and Procedure Before the Public Utilities Commission*, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 6, Chapter 61, and must be filed with the Commission's Honolulu Office by **September 14, 2009**. Special accommodations for persons with disabilities can be made if requested reasonably in advance by contacting the Commission's Honolulu Office.



Carlito P. Caliboso  
Chairman

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